

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A file comprising:
a cover provided with a front cover portion, a back cover portion and a spine
connecting the front and back cover portions covers, wherein at least the front cover portion
and the back cover portion are provided with first and second lateral edges extending
outwardly from the spine and a longitudinal edge connecting the lateral edges opposite the
spine; and
wherein a closure element removably coupled with the cover, the closure element
having a first part, a second part and a hinge pivotably connecting the first part and the
second part, wherein the closure element can be initially is provided in a flat condition, and
wherein the first and second parts can be pivoted about the hinge for coupling with the cover,
wherein the first part is which can be coupled with the first lateral edge of each of the front
and back cover portions and the second part is coupled with the at least one longitudinal edge
of each of the front and back cover portions, such that the space enclosed by the front cover,
back cover and the spine is at least partly covered by the closure element and the file with the
closure element has a partly open or substantially closed box shape.
2. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1, further comprising wherein
a binding element attached to the cover is provided for detachably fixing sheets, between the
front cover portion and the back cover portion.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1, wherein the closure element
further comprises a third part and a second hinge pivotably connecting the third part to the
second part, wherein the third part can be pivoted about the hinge for coupling with the cover
at least three parts, such that the third part is coupled with the second lateral edge of each a
first part is or can be connected to the parts of the longitudinal edges of the front cover

portion and the back cover portion ~~that are remote from the spine~~, while the two remaining parts can connect to the longitudinal edge and the first lateral edge ~~parts on the upper side and bottom side of the file respectively.~~

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A file according to claim 1, wherein the closure element is manufactured in one piece, ~~preferably~~ by injection molding.

7. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1, wherein the closure element near two opposite edges is provided with clamping means for clamping the closure element ~~it~~ on at least one of the first lateral edges and the longitudinal edges of the front cover portion and the back cover portion and/or the spine.

8. (Previously Presented) A file according to claim 7, wherein the clamping means are arranged for cooperation with various thicknesses of longitudinal edges of covers.

9. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1, wherein the front cover portion and/or the back cover portion is provided along at least one of the first or second lateral edges or the said longitudinal edges with a wall part raised in relation to the surface of the respective cover portion, and wherein the closure element comprises a clamping means for receiving the raised wall part therein.

10. (Previously Presented) A file according to claim 1, wherein the closure element is provided with coupling means for coupling with a similar closure element, such that files arranged next to each other can be intercoupled by the closure elements.

11. (Previously Presented) A file according to claim 1, wherein in the spine at least one opening is provided through which a finger can be inserted for manipulating the

file, wherein a sealing cap is provided that can be pushed into said at least one opening for closure thereof.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1, further comprising a second ~~12, wherein a similar~~ two-part closure element ~~is provided~~ that is fixable partly on top of and partly against the side of the file, such that a completely closed box-shaped file is obtained, the second closure element having a first part, a second part and a hinge pivotably connecting the first part and the second part, wherein the closure element can be initially provided in a flat condition, and wherein the first and second parts can be pivoted about the hinge for coupling with the cover, wherein the first part is coupled with the second lateral edge of each of the front and back cover portions and the second part is coupled with the longitudinal edge of each of the front and back cover portions.

14. (Currently Amended) A file according to claim 1 ~~12~~, wherein the file with placed closure element forms a partly closed box-shaped file container, ~~preferably without arch.~~

15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A file according to claim 9, wherein the closure element clamping means comprises a flange extending parallel with at least one of the first and second parts and defining a receiving groove for receiving the raised wall part therein.

17. (New) A file comprising:

a spine;

a front cover portion hingedly connected to said spine, said front cover portion having a planar surface and defining first and second lateral edges extending outwardly from said spine and a longitudinal edge connecting said lateral edges opposite said spine, said first and second lateral edges having a raised wall part extending upwardly from said planar surface;

a back cover portion hingedly connected to said spine opposite said front cover portion, said back cover portion having a planar surface and defining first and second lateral edges extending outwardly from said spine and a longitudinal edge connecting said lateral edges opposite said spine, said longitudinal edge having a raised wall part extending upwardly from said planar surface;

a first closure part hingedly connected to said longitudinal edge of said front cover portion, said first closure part having a clamping slot opposite said longitudinal edge of said front cover portion for receiving said raised wall part of said back cover portions;

a second closure part hingedly connected to said first lateral edge of said back cover portion, said second closure part having a clamping slot opposite said first lateral edge of said back cover portion for receiving said raised wall part of said first lateral edge of said front cover portion; and

a third closure part hingedly connected to said second lateral edge of said back cover portion, said third closure part having a clamping slot opposite said second lateral edge of said back cover portion for receiving said raised wall part of said second lateral edge of said front cover portion.